

In accordance with one form of the present invention, there is provided a cable feed bushing and method of installing a cable through a wall or other structure. In one embodiment, the bushing has a conically-shaped body and a head portion formed thereon. Threads or other retainer formations are provided on the exterior surface of the body portion to retain it in a hole provided in the wall. A cable-receiving passageway extends through the bushing to permit one or more cables to be passed therethrough. Installation formations may be provided on or in the head portion to facilitate installation of the bushing in a hole in the wall. The formations may enable a special tool to engage the head portion to apply a rotational force thereto.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on line 23 of page 4 as follows:

It is another feature of the present invention to provide a bushing that can be readily installed in a variety of structures without the need for the installer to retain the bushing in position with an adhesive or while the adhesive cures.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on line 2 of page 12 as follows:

When employing materials that have a color that differs from the color of the wall or other structure, the entire bushing 110 or just the exposed head portion 114 may be painted or otherwise colored. For example, if the wall 150 is to be covered with wallpaper, the user may wish to cover the low profile head portion with a piece of wallpaper prior to or after the bushing 110 has been installed in the manners described above.

In the Claims

Please cancel claim 2 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend claims 1, 3, 4, 10, 12, 14, 15, and 19 as follows:

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1. (Amended) A cable support apparatus, comprising:

a body portion;

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a head portion having a first surface integrally attached to one end of said body portion,
said head portion having a second surface opposite to said first surface;
a passageway extending through said body portion and said head portion;
a retainer on an exterior surface of said body portion; and
at least two installation holes in said second surface of said head portion.

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3. (Amended) The cable support apparatus of claim 1 wherein said installation
holes are diametrically opposed to each other.

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4. (Amended) The cable support apparatus of claim 1 further comprising an
installation tool having engagement projections protruding therefrom corresponding to said
holes in said head portion.

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10. (Amended) An apparatus for supporting a cable comprising:
a conical body portion;
a low profile head portion having a first surface integrally attached to said body
portion, said head portion having a second surface opposite to said first surface;
a passageway extending through said head portion and said body portion;
a spiral thread formed on an exterior surface of said body portion; and

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a pair of holes in said second surface of said head portion.

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12. (Amended) The apparatus of claim 10 further comprising a wall for receiving said conical body portion, said wall having an exterior surface with a color and wherein said second surface of said head portion has a color that is the same as the color of the exterior surface of the wall.

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14. (Amended) The apparatus of claim 10 further comprising a wall for receiving said conical body portion therein said wall having an exterior surface with a wall covering thereon and wherein said apparatus comprises a piece of the wall covering attached to said head portion.

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15. (Amended) A method of installing a cable through a structure, said method comprising:

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providing a bushing having a body portion having threads thereon and a distal end and a proximal end with a head portion integrally attached thereto, the head portion having a low profile and at least two cavities therein, the bushing further having a passageway extending through the body portion and the head portion;

providing a hole in the structure sized to receive the body portion of the bushing;

inserting the distal end of the bushing into the hole in the structure;

inserting engagement protrusions into the cavities in the head portion of the bushing and simultaneously applying a rotational force to the engagement protrusions to cause the bushing to be screwed into the hole in the structure;

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removing the engagement protrusions from the cavities after the bushing has been
screwed into the hole in the structure such that a rear surface of the head portion contacts the
structure; and

inserting a cable into the passageway.

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19. (Amended) A method of supporting a cable extending through a hole in a
structure, said method comprising:

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providing a bushing having a body portion having threads thereon and a distal end and
a proximal end having a head portion integrally attached thereto, the head portion having a low
profile and at least two cavities therein, the bushing further having a passageway extending
through the body portion and the head portion;

inserting the cable through the passageway in the bushing;

inserting the distal end of the body portion into the hole in the structure;

inserting engagement protrusions into the cavities in the head portion of the bushing
and simultaneously applying a rotational force to the engagement protrusions to cause the
bushing to be screwed into the hole in the structure; and removing the engagement protrusions
from the cavities after the bushing has been screwed into the hole in the structure such that a
rear surface of the head portion contacts the structure.

REMARKS

1. Status of the Application

Claims 1-22 are pending in the subject application and stand rejected. In the present
Amendment, Applicant has amended the Specification and has also amended claims 1, 3, 4,